

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 58

MINUTES HELD ON 13th MARCH 2017@ 8:06PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members	49 No. (38 Financial) (2 proxy votes) (9 non financial)

Apologies: Peter Sawyer, Ron Tabone, John Floros, Lou Cardamone, Vince Cannizzo and Frank Quagliarella.

Meeting Chaired by Tony Price

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- 1.0 Minutes Silence was called by the President in remembrance of those members and loved ones who had passed in the previous year.
- 2.0 Minutes of the 2016 were read and moved by W.Williams, 2nd R.Simmons carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved P. Anastasi, 2nd C. Grech and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J.Davis highlighted a loss given the cost of the changeover of the rooms and the upgrade to the toilets, however, highlighted the healthy value of our assets.  
Accepted on a motion from C.Loten, 2nd M.Doria and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report delivered by J Davis. Accepted on a motion from D.Brown 2nd G. Church and carried.
- 7.0 T Price delivered the President's addendum. Accepted on a motion from S.Cini, 2nd N.Gecas and carried.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2017 was confirmed with the Executive Board being:

President	Tony Price
Vice President	Wayne Williams
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Davis
Assistant Secretary	Peter Sawyer
Ring Registrar	Pierre Anastasi
and the Committee	J. Share, C.Grech, V Cannizzo, S Cini, R.Simmons & G.Church.
- 9.0 Balance of the 2016 trophies (4 No.) distributed to Club Secretaries for distribution
- 10.0 Motions:

J.Davis confirmed that in accordance with Rule 44, for a Rule to be changed two thirds of the members are required to vote in favour. In this instance 25 votes are required.

Motions from the Board:

**Rule 93 Delete "*Benzing Computer*" and add "*All computer thimble or thimble less*".**

T Price advised why the rule change was required to cover those computer clocks that were not just Benzing. Vote held – Unanimously supported. Motion carried.

**Rule 96d in the first line and the second sentence change "*640km*" to "*approximately 600km (known as the 400's)*".**

T Price advised as to the reasons for the change so as to clarify what distance constituted a Race to be known as a 400 and hence the allowance to clock of two birds. Vote held – Unanimously supported. Motion carried.

**Rule 100. Delete "*Deleted*" and add "*Clock production at any of the approved clocking centres whether electronic or manual cannot be read or pulled over unless there are a minimum of three (3) other participating flyers present. In the event of less than four (4) flyers clocking and producing their clocks at an outside clocking centre, those flyers must produce their electronic or manual clocks at the VPU rooms for processing .At all times the Chairman of the Clock committee or his delegate shall be present for the clock reading or pullover.*"**

T Price advised as to the reasons for the change so as to bring into the Rules a practice that has long been held. Vote held – Unanimously supported. Motion carried.

**Rule 102 Delete "*over 600km*" add "*over approximately 600km (known as the 400's)*"**

T Price advised as to the reasons for the change so as to clarify what distance constituted a Race to be known as a 400 and hence the allowance to clock of two birds. Vote held – Unanimously supported. Motion carried.

**Electronic Rules - Schedule 1 – Use of ESB Systems  
Rule 26 a) and b) "*Delete*".**

J.Davis advised as to the reason for the change, which has been adopted by the National Committee (National Race), is that Rules 26a) and 26 b) are in direct conflict with Rule 21, in summary if your electronic is faulty or you are unable to produce a results sheet from a computer then you are ineligible for a reading. (Rule 21). Rules 26 a) & b) allow for a manual reading of your electronic clocks screen.

Various members responded for and against. Vote held 20 votes for 18 against or did not vote. Motion defeated. J.Davis reminded all that in the National Race only Rule 21 applies.

Rule proposed by Glenroy Homing Club:

Rule 115. For all future new members or re-joining members from and including the year 2017, add a Western boundary to align with the WPF Eastern Boundary. Rule 115 would read:

**Rule 115. *The boundaries of the Union shall be as follows. All that area west of longitude E145 06' 54" the North until the junction with Plenty Road and all that area west of Plenty Road until the junction with Darebin creek at Kingsbury, then west of Darebin Creek until it meets with Heidelberg Rd. North of Heidelberg Rd until Hoddle St, then west of Hoddle St/Punt Rd and north of Kerford Rd at St Kilda. The Northern Boundary shall be all that area south of Latitude S137 15' 23.04" The Western boundary shall be all that area East of Longitude E144 50' 42"***

B.Dodds of the Glenroy Club spoke for the motion giving reasons for the introduction of a west boundary. Various members spoke for and against. Vote held 6 votes for 32 against or did not vote. Motion defeated.

Rule proposed by Thomastown Homing Club:

**Rule 57. Delete "*mixture of 50% dun peas and 50% maple peas*" and add "*a balanced mixture of 5 different grains*"**

R.Simmons spoke for the motion. Various members spoke for and against the motion. J. Share suggested Thomastown amend the motion and delete the number 5 thus;

**Rule 57. Delete "*mixture of 50% dun peas and 50% maple peas*" and add "*a balanced mixture different grains*"**

Vote held on the amendment 31 for and 7 against – Amended Motion Carried.

Meeting Closed at 9:15 pm.